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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF : Kenneth W. Batchner
FOR : HARDWARE-BASED
ENCIPHERMENT/DECIPHERMENT
EMPLOYING DUAL PORTED KEY
STORAGE
SERIAL NO : 09/675,069
FILED : September 28, 2000
EXAMINER : Jacob Lipman
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AMENDMENTFAXED TO: (703) 872-9306

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004, please amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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